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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

McErlean et al.

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Confirmation No.: 7424

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Hemant Desai

For: AUTOMATED CONTAINER BULKING SYSTEM AND METHOD
OPTIONALLY INTEGRATED WITH AUTOMATED DISPENSING SYSTEM
AND/OR AUTOMATED LABELING AND PACKAGING SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22213-1450

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2006, having a response due by August 18, 2006, with extensions to October 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 18 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on Page 23 of this paper.

Authorization begins on Page 26 of this paper.